

# ***Indiana Department of Education Professional Standards Advisory Board Meeting***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

July 29, 2009

### **I. Call to order**

**Pat Mapes, Director of Professional Standards** called to order the regular meeting of the **Professional Standards Advisory Board** at **1:00 PM** on **July 29, 2009** in the **Riley Conference Room**.

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Professional Standards Advisory Board Meeting conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

There was one correction to the minutes of the June 25, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

### **IV. Explanation of Rule Making Process—Matt Tusing**

- a) Matt Tusing, a member of the DOE's legal staff, went over the steps of the required rule promulgation process.

### **V. Notice of Intent to Revise Rules:**

A brief overview of the proposed rule was presented. Pat Mapes, Director of the Office of Educator Licensing, summarized the sections of the proposed rule changes.

- a) 515 IAC 1: Beginning level teacher and administrator rules for initial and proficient licenses.
  - Discussion that a professional growth plan should be tied to the needs and goals of local schools.
  - Building level administrators would sign-off on teacher residency.
  - Discussion of Improvement plan for weaknesses—identified during residency.
  - Charter Schools have a governing body
  - Moving 2-3 years for Residency
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> year is hectic-learning proficiencies
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> year-finding year 1 makes sense
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> year-is stand alone
  - Mentoring not funded but encouraged locally. Not mandated.
  - Administrators, School Service Personnel and Teachers— all complete a 3 year residency
- b) 515 IAC 3: Accreditation of Institutions preparing educators.
  - Article 3—NCATE optional
  - Procedural reporting changes—Institutional Report
  - University must show unit assessment system to state.
- c) 515 IAC 4: Initial and proficient license renewal process.
  - See 4-1-2
- d) 515 IAC 8: Elementary and secondary school settings, curriculum requirements, and license testing requirements for all areas of licensure.

- State Superintendent can waive building level administrator requirements for a local school board identifying needs for only that building to give schools flexibility.
  - Report can be generated for waivers
  - Test Scores will be re-set via ETS & subcommittee of standards advisory board
  - Discussion about advisability of ABCTE as an option to licensure
- e) 515 IAC 9: Licenses under prior rules, out of state applications, emergency permits, license suspension and revocation, and online programs for teacher education.
- Dr. Bennett stated there needs to be competition within universities.
  - How to train next generation
  - Teacher preparation
- f) 515 IAC 10: Workplace specialist license requirements.
- 3 year residency program requirement
- g) 515 IAC 12: Accomplished practitioner license requirements.
- h) Notice of Intent to repeal parts of 515 IAC

## **VI. Public Comments**

- a) Stan Wigle
- b) Linda Houser
- c) Julie Baumgart--President Indiana School Counselors Association
- d) Robert Rivers—Purdue-Calumet
- e) Steve McColley—Local Superintendent
- f) Tom Adams—Director of Special Education
- g) John Ellis—Indiana Association of Public Superintendent
- h) Rep. Vernon Smith

## **VII. Closing Comments**

- a) Made by Dr. Tony Bennett—We cannot accept the status quo—we should give flexibility to local school boards. We will bring in ABCTE for questions. We need to transform the system; we need strong content knowledge.
- b) Dr. Bennett cited praise from US Secretary of Education Duncan for Indiana’s efforts to remove barriers that impact our competitiveness for “Race to the Top” dollars.

- c) Dr. Bennett stated there were 5 billion dollars of “Race to the Top” grant money at stake. This is true reform money. Indiana has a once in a life time opportunity to qualify for it.
  - i. The money would go to:
    - 1. Teacher Prep
    - 2. Evaluation
    - 3. Compensation

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

**Pat Mapes adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm. Also, set work session date of Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 10:00 am.**

Minutes submitted by: Leah Pitz

Minutes approved by: Pat Mapes